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Raiders enter history books

Take LEL crown with 10-0 record, enter playoffs

by Kevin Khayat

Henry Ford has often been quoted as saying "History is bunk," but Head Coach Al Raymond and his football players would probably disagree.

The Red Raiders made history twice this season by compiling the first undefeated, untied season since 1935 and by being the first Shaker football team to qualify for the post-season state computer playoffs.

The team clinched a first place tie in the Lake Erie League Oct. 18 by wiping out Shaw, 16-7, in the rain. The defense held the Cardinal's star running back Deon Gray to just 17 yards in 15 carries.

At Garfield the following week, Shaker dominated in a 17-7 victory that assured sole possession of the league title for the first time in six years. They were tri-champions in 1980.

Though the playoff picture looked dim, the Raiders took their 9-0 record into the regular season's last week with the hope of ending a 50 year wait for a perfect season. By shellacking the Parma Redmen 36-0, the team's first goal was accomplished.

Among the jubilant crowd were three members of the 1935 Red Raider football squad: Bob Tritton, Herb Achermann, and Paul Wadsworth. Students took a time out from their own cheers to chant one for the Class of '35.

Athletic Director Jerry Masteller received a phone call the following day from the Ohio High School Athletic Association in Columbus informing him that Shaker had placed fourth in its region, good enough to enter the playoffs for the first time.

Though the team kept winnng throughout the season, its computer rating rose slowly because the teams that Shaker played continued to lose their other games. Since a key factor in the ranking process is the toughness of a team's schedule, the Raiders got few points for some wins.

Because several of Shaker's early season rivals won in the final week and Mayfield, St. Ignatius, and Lorain Admiral King each lost, the Raiders jumped from seventh to fourth place in the overall ranking.

In its first game on astro-turf, Shaker entered the playoffs Nov. 9 against St. Edward at Finnie Stadium at Baldwin-Wallace College.

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Deon Hines eludes Redmen as Shaker runs away with LEL title.

Horoschak travels for SGORR

by Debbie Cohan

The Student Group on Race Relations program (SGORR) was brought to national attention by Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Peter Horoschak, when he attended the Oak Park Exchange Congress in Michigan on Oct. 23 and 24. The purpose of the conference was to help civic leaders deal with community concerns pertaining to integration in housing as well as in education.

Horoschak was one of seven people invited to participate in a special panel, the objectives of which, were "to encourage leadership, nourish a positive school climate, and help students better deal with social, school, and personal environments."

"SGORR is a truly fine example of a high school working to improve human relations," Horoschak said. "It's one of the most positive and exciting activities offered at the school."

Horoschak particularly lauded the idea of students developing the working plan for SGORR and fulfilling the dream of its founders. He thinks the program is "rather unique" because it involves high school students working with sixth grade classes to make younger children aware of racial polarization and interaction.

Horoschak stated that he was not sure whether other school districts around the country would initiate a SGORR program.

In a follow-up to the Horoschak interview, a student member of SGORR was questioned about the possibility of exchanging ideas on integration with other schools.

"It's a strong possibility that we'll expand because integration is a national problem which needs to be dealt with immediately in our society," commented Otis Moss III in reference to this problem.

NCTE, Century III seek leaders: students excel

by Kristan Schiller

The National Council of Teachers of English and the Century III Leadership Program have recently selected two Shaker students as a finalist and a semi-finalist in their respective nationwide honors programs.

Senior Lara Bogomolny was recognized for outstanding performance in writing by the National Council of Teachers of English. Lara was named winner of a 1985 NCTE Achievement Award in Writing.

Over 6,000 present seniors were nominated last January by English teacher for the NCTE Awards in Writing. Each nominee submitted a sample of his or her best writing and an impromptu essay which was written under test conditions that were uniform nationwide.

The compositions were evaluated by state judging teams of both high school and college teachers. There are approximately 850 finalists selected each year. They represent high schools in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and American schools abroad.

The winner of the Century III Leaders award for Shaker was Michael J. Shapiro, alternate Laura Meckler.

Century III Leaders is now the most extensive program in the United States for discovering student leaders and challenging their skills.

Applications for the local Century III nomination were made available to Shaker seniors on Sept. 10, 1985.

On Oct. 22, student applications were submitted to the guidance department, who is sponsoring the program. A current events exam was then administered to those seniors who submitted applications.

"The third part," according to Shapiro, "was an essay in which we described one of the important problems facing the United States in its third century. We then came up with a solution for the problem, and described what we were doing to implement the solution."

Shapiro's application, exam, and essay were then sent to compete at the state level. If he is one of the two state winners, he will receive a $1,500 scholarship and an all-expenses-paid trip to Williamsburg, Va., in March.

While in Williamsburg, the state winners meet with leaders in business, education, and government to discuss the issues that face America as we enter our third century.

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Shakespeare returns: All the world's a stage

by Steven Michel

Initiated last year with "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and the Shakescenes courtyard performance, the newly independent Theater department further strengthens its Shakespeare program this fall with "As You Like It." Featuring a cast of about 90 actors, original contemporary music, and an elaborate modernistic set designed by Cleveland's Critical Awards winner Douglas Hall, Director Vincent Cardinal promises that "As You Like It" will be "an excellent show."

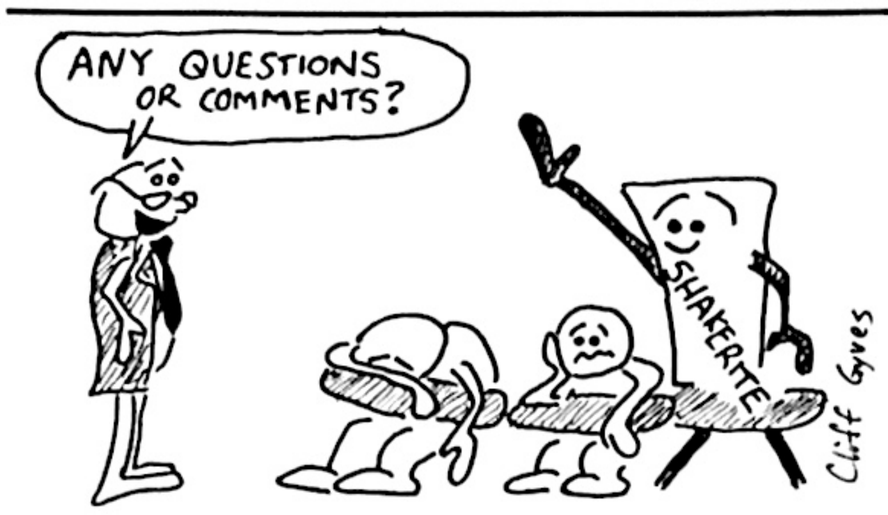
In this romantic comedy, Shakespeare has created a motley clan of lustful lovers, philosophizing fools, banished courtiers, common shepherds, and a country wench in the Forest of Arden. Whether it be getting a woman to bed with a clear conscience, granting forgiveness to the brother who tried to kill you, or falling in love with a woman in man's clothing, each character has a dilemma to cope with.

Key figures in this curious society are Rosalind and Orlando, played by Sarah Knowlton and David Moss.

Before performances on Dec. 5, 6, and 7, the cast will have collectively rehearsed for over 125 hours. Several members of the cast took a field trip to see John Houseman's (The Acting Company) production of the play. This helped to prepare for the show.

The Shaker performance also boasts a crew of over 50 stage hands, under the direction of stage manager Moira O'Keefe. Aiding Cardinal are Assistant Director Jenni Markowitz, Musical Coordinator Sarah Smith, and Voice/Interpretation Director Daniel Garrison.

Actors at play. RUDOLPH



Editors speak out

Shakerite staff members often reflect on relevant and timely topics. Here is a sampling of their thoughts.

Is Shaker school spirit a feeling or a liquid?

If rock music promotes violence, what does country and western music promote?

The key to success is under the welcome mat.

A sickly combination of Forenza sweaters and styling mousse is causing the massive moral decline of American youth.

The Shakerite staff is sponsoring an ark project. Anyone interested should report to Mike "Noah" Kelsen.

Official wire report: The CIA and the KGB have just merged, defected to the Third World, and hijacked sixty members of the U.N.

Wrestling: "It's not just a sport, it's an adventure." See John Schwartz for details.

Hey St. Ed's — it's all right, it's okay, you'll be working for us someday.

Swimmers aren't dumb. They're just permanently waterlogged.

You bought your Mercedes and your Audi for tax purposes? Sure . . .

How good is the middle school swimming pool? As-best-t'was bad.

And finally, the Shakerite staff is sick and tired of seeing hours of hard work tossed into wastebaskets or used as wrapping paper. This editorial was brought to you by twelve demented people.

Fanaticism growing with sports overkill

by Alison Little

The Monday Night Football ratings were dismal last year, and if people wonder why, I can tell them in one word — Overkill. I will admit that I am not the most avid sports fan, but I do enjoy watching an occasional game.

In late Oct., the football season was well underway, while the baseball season was just finishing up. Now wait a minute. If I were a team owner, I would stop and think. With two football leagues playing at different times, and a baseball season stretched to its limit, it's no wonder the sports fan's brain has turned to mush.

Trying to keep all the different teams, leagues, bowls, and All-Star games straight requires a mathematics degree from MIT and an accounting degree from Harvard. For example, let us examine the sports situation on New Years Day. There are more bowls than at a Tupperware party! The Rose Bowl, the Cotton Bowl, the Orange Bowl, the Toilet Bowl . . . Need I go on?

Watching sports 24 hours a day is bad, but there is one thing which is worse. That is the people who constantly switch the T.V. channel back and forth, from football to baseball, to hockey, and then back to football. It's no wonder that the Yuppie birth rate is on the decline and the number of asylums in this country is increasing at an alarming rate. If the sports teams want to save themselves, as well as the American public, why don't they get off the T.V. and back on to the playing field where they belong.

Divestiture is harmful

by Michael Shapiro

On a recent trip to South Africa, Henry Kissinger observed two men driving a water ski boat and two other men skiing behind. What was so unusual is that the men driving the boat were white and the men skiing were black. Kissinger became very excited. He stated that that was just what South Africa needed — blacks and white recreating together. The two white men in the boat looked at each other. One was heard saying, "Mr. Kissinger might know a lot about foreign policy, but he knows nothing about alligator fishing."

With public pressure from the U.S. and abroad, and with other racial groups joining in the anti-apartheid struggle in South Africa, what started as a civil rights campaign now has become a serious threat to the government of South Africa. Many U.S. citizens see nothing wrong with the collapse of the present South African government, but obviously there is.

South Africa has much of the world's supply of gold, diamonds, copper, manganese platinum, silver, uranium and other needed metals. If South Africa is taken over by a group unfriendly to the U.S., we will lose access to these important minerals. The United States is torn between its need for these resources and the moral outrage of apartheid.

Many solutions have been proposed. Divestiture seems to be the most popular idea. The United States and other countries of the world would not trade with South Africa and would not invest in the country. This will bring those "Damned Racists" to their knees. The problem is that it will also bring a new government to power probably communist and also racist.

The only difference is that another government would discriminate against whites instead of blacks.

My favorite policy is similar to President Reagan's "constructive engagement." The U.S. will continue nudging Botha into racial reform. U.S. businesses will continue to invest and do business in South Africa, but only with companies that actively work to end apartheid. By this I mean companies that work to improve the conditions of blacks and other non-whites. This policy, when rigidly enforced, will quietly end apartheid. Divestment or other quick shortcuts will cause war.

T.S. Eliot once said, "This is the way the world shall end. Not with a bang but a whimper."

The best way to bring about racial reform is quietly and constructively, not by using divestiture and causing the bang.

Stop acronym abuse

by Amy Hanson

1953 marked Franklin Delano Roosevelt's introduction of acronyms into our vocabulary. Initials such as CCC, PWA, TVA, and WPA provided distinction among different government work agencies during the Depression.

In the 52 years since their infusion into American life, acronyms have abounded in all aspects of our society. Shaker Heights High School is one of the conduits in spreading their usage. Echoes of CATS, DECA, JCWA, SEEH, SGORR, and SWAE constantly resound through the halls of the school.

Yet haven't we gone a little far in idiosyncratically designating the names of our organizations? Let's examine the titles. CATS is not a leftover from that Broadway musical that enjoyed popularity a few years back, DECA is not the name of that old record company with a letter missing, and JCWA is not a novel spelling for that place where women had gym facilities before Nautilus hit town. SGORR is not a poor spelling for the candy bar, and SWAE is not a college fraternity with an extra letter.

To keep up with the competition, I've made up some of my own acronyms that I'm sure all of us would appreciate. For starters, how about the establishment of TUMMS: Those with Ulcers from Meals Made by the School? Or what about OUCH: Oppressed Underclassmen Crying for Help?! But there's one association that I, as a sophomore, would be the first to join. JAIL: Juveniles Against In-school Lunch.

Amen.

Bloopers come to Washington

by Michael Lee

History has proven that it is perhaps very natural for presidents and their administrations to fling out misstatements, contradictions and embarrassing foot-in-mouth remarks. President Reagan and his administration are certainly no exception. On the contrary, they have apparently mastered the art in a span of five years.

There are, of course, a number well-publicized cases, such as James Watt's "black, woman, Jew" slip of tongue; George Bush's appraisal of supply-side economics as "voodoo"; President Reagan saying that the PLO could try the Achilles Lauros hijackers; and just recently, Att. General Edwin Meese's claim that a person wouldn't be a suspect if he were innocent.

Several others, however, merit special attention for their originality. For instance, Robert J. D'Agustnio of the U.S. Justice Dept. suggested that blacks qualify for federal programs for "the emotionally disturbed." Federal Trade Commission chairman James Miller said in his first press conference that it was fine to sell dangerous products to poor consumers because they weren't very "risk averse."

One wonders whether President Reagan truly believes that ketchup is a vegetable, or nuclear nonproliferation is "none of our business," or gun control will kill more people than it will save. One can hardly blame the President for the administration's apparent lack of intellectual depth on such issues; remember, he began his sports broadcasting career creating play-by-play from nothing but simultaneous wire reports.

Ralph Nader once complained that Ronald Reagan is "the first President to own more horses than books." In any case, we can be comfortably assured that the President has his strengths in other, more crucial areas.

As friend and fellow millionaire Henry Salvatori puts it, "He isn't the cerebral type, but he has good visceral qualities."

Letters to the editor

Grin and bear the new regulations

Dear Editors,

I have been quietly amused by this year's frequent grumblings about the "prison" atmosphere created by firmer control of hall traffic — amused because my years of parenting and teaching have shown me that children and students really want discipline and order in their environment, their constant protests to the contrary notwithstanding.

But when the complaint comes from those to whom I had expected all this to be inherently clear, I am moved to respond. I do sympathize with those students who experienced, without abusing, the relative freedom of movement which was available to all Shaker students during recent years; we all wish you had been the ones whose conduct determined the atmosphere of the school — but face it, lately you haven't been.

When teaching during lunch periods or eighth period is an ordeal because of disturbances in the halls, when visiting teachers and real estate prospects sense absence of control, when people familiar with the school hesitate to send their children here because of the raucous and threatening atmosphere — then liberty has become license, and something must be done.

Those of you who did not contribute to the problem are to be consoled for your loss of liberty; but you also are people who can understand that for the greater good of the whole community the sacrifice is required of you. The controls now in place are not such that meetings cannot be arranged, you may have to work harder to find the time and place, but so must we all this overpopulated year. You certainly should not be treated with "equal disrespect" in the hallways, but remember that respectful attitudes stimulate respectful responses; in one-on-one interactions, you can almost always bring about that result.

I would like to hear the leading citizens of the student body expressing satisfaction over the more civilized environment in which we are all privileged to work this year, rather than joining in the undercurrent of whining over the need to carry hall passes. It would become you better.

Dr. Carol Fox
English Department

This is the third issue of The Shakerite for the 1985-86 school year. You will receive an issue every month for the rest of the school year. Since The Shakerite is a newspaper by and for students, we hope to call attention to the problems, issues and news events that are relevant to our readers, whether they be school, city, or nationally related. In keeping with this policy, we ask anyone who feels there is a matter which should be and is not being addressed, or who disagrees with any of the articles, to write a letter to the editor. All letters to the editor will be subject to editing and should be submitted to either Mike Kelsen or Renee Romano.

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Students challenge problems

by Marjorie Landever

"A community is known by the schools it keeps." Right? Yet how many times have you heard these words and wondered if they were true? How many times have you heard these words and wondered why everyone is always making decisions about student welfare without bothering to ask the students what they have to say?

Well, fret no more — let me introduce you to this year's Superintendent's Student Advisory Council. This committee of select individuals from Shaker Middle School and Shaker High School meets once a month to discuss current issues and problems affecting the student body. Dr. Horoschak does care, and is more than willing to listen.

The committee is composed of ninth graders Jill Spitz and Hallie Butsie, tenth graders Chris Horoschak, Otis Moss, Kim Susbauer, Porter Vergon, and Nicole Dawalt; eleventh graders Kristen Miklethum, Dawn Fields, and Christine Cutten; twelfth graders Joni Johnson, Margie Landever, Cassandra Weaver, and Kevin Khayat.

The committee provides a mechanism whereby students from the various grades can air their concerns about what is happening at the school. Issues discussed include minority achievement, senior projects, and closed campus. Council members bring up ideas and voice them to the seniors, who then prepare agendas for the meetings.

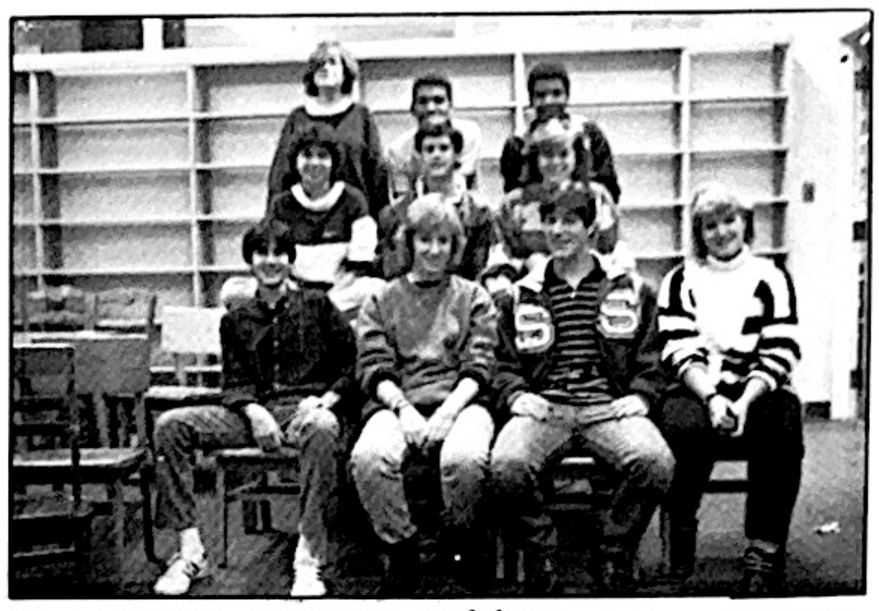
The council is a student organization, run by and for the students. But it needs your help. You can no longer sit back, relax, and complain. You have the unique opportunity to express your concerns via council members.

The names of members in your grade are staring right at you. Weren't there some questions you wanted answered? So ask them!

Also working for the students' benefit is the PTA Advisory Committee. This group of concerned parents meets with the superintendent and discusses human relations, treatment of different types of students, and general feelings about school. This gives parents a direct opportunity to become involved with their children's education, and thus play a substantial part in their learning environment at Shaker.

"Where does the faculty come in?," you may ask. Indeed, there is also a faculty advisory committee, where teachers and administrators talk with the superintendent about suggestions for improvements in the near future. A school system cannot properly function without input from students, faculty, and administrators.

The Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee hopes to soon hold an assembly with the student body hwere an interplay can go on between the students, the superintendent, and council members. Last year an assembly of this kind was held at the High School and was extremely successful.



Superintendent student advisers. RUDOLPH

Students were quite concerned about why so many of them had low grade point averages. Why is it that so many students are doing poorly? What is being done about minority achievement? Are drugs at Shaker becoming a more serious problem? What can be done about this? And how about the issue of the school being transformed into a prison? Is it necessary for pink passes to invade students' sanity? Juniors and seniors were awarded open campus, true? Yet, do they really have the privileges of an open campus? Are freshmen and sophomores getting the "grumbellies" because of such short lunch periods? Heaven forbid a student should walk in the hall without a hall permit — a true disgrace, right?! These issues and many more are discussed at the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council.

Catch the Beat

by Todd Wiggins

Some current items of interest from today's music scene . . .

Tears for Fears' first album, **The Hurting,** was exceptionally good, but if I hear "Head Over Heels" once more I will undertake to assassinate them.

The only big thing about Bruce Springsteen is his nose.

Anyone ever hear a Motley Crue song he didn't hate?

After the recent Cure concert, I asked band member Porl Thompson what became of the group's old drummer, Andy Anderson. He replied, "He flipped out in Japan."

Heavy metal musicians have the collective I.Q. of a turnip and the collective hygiene of a skunk.

Did you know that Madonna can play the guitar?

No one likes Duran Duran anymore.

Just when you thought it was safe to turn on your radio again, Lionel Richie releases a new album.

Good — Michael Jackson is nowhere to be seen.

Four fantastic bands no one's heard of: Strawberry Switchblade, The Cocteau Twins, Picture Book, and The Three O'Clock.

Five repellent bands I wish I never heard of: Quiet Riot, Ratt, Bon Jovi, Helix, and Twisted Sister.

I don't want my MTV; I don't even want Martha Quinn.

No, Pre-Fab Sprout isn't a detergent, but quite a good new band.

Introducing the newest form of capital punishment: heavy metal.

Sting's girlfriend is pretty ugly.

Hate Stevie Nicks? Good. We'll start a movement.

I, too, was once infatuated with *Madonna. Maybe I still am.*

Just what does Christie Brinkley see in Billy Joel?

A classic quote from the Smiths: "By the way, I never did like your face."

The Cleveland Zoo is now sponsoring heavy metal concerts.

Vince Neil: Democrat for President.

Cindy Lauper reminds me of a crocodile.

These conservative parental groups favoring record censorships are merely fascists.

Finally there is no substitute for good New Wave and Alternative music. Anyone who doesn't listen to college radio is therefore selling out.

"Better Off Dead," a film that is better left unseen

by Renee Romano

Rating a "4" on the chocolate scale, "Better Off Dead" is better left unseen. For those who don't remember this infamous scale, it refers to the amount of chocolate required to stomach a movie, with "1" being eat beforehand, and "10" being come with an empty stomach. Considering that we only found it necessary to consume one box of Deluxe Party Grahams to watch "Better Off Dead," it was only sentenced to a "4."

"Better Off Dead" is a film concerning the trials and tribulations of love and rejection, or rather of obsession and rejection. Lane Myers is a high school senior, in lust with his girlfriend, Beth. It's obviously true love, considering that his room is wallpapered with her picture, and every hanger in his closet is imprinted with her photo.

Lane considers his life over when Beth drops him for a cuter guy with a better car who can ski the notorious "K-12," better known as the "Special K." The love of his life has just spit in his face.

His only logical solution is suicide. After several futile attempts, Lane decides to try to win Beth back by skiing the K-12. As in every mediocre movie, Lane must race Beth's boyfriend in front of the entire school. When he wins, as we somehow knew he would, Lane realizes that Beth is too shallow for him, and instead he chooses a nicer and cuter exchange student. What a learning experience!

This movie could have been almost good if it hadn't been bogged down with stupid gags, like dancing hamburgers and talking cartoons. "Better Off Dead" is also stocked with stereotypes. In this movie you've got your nerd with his nasal spray, the paperboy with a vengeance, and a girl who fixes cars, skis like Jean-Claude Kiley, and looks gorgeous all at the same time.

If you haven't seen this film, save your four bucks, buy a box of Deluxe Party Grahams, eat them at home, and wait for a "Better Off Dead" commercial. That way you'll hear all the best lines.

Cheerleading supports success

by Joni Johnson and Angela Provost

Somewhere deep within the Shaker Heights High School student body lies 12 spirited young ladies. These girls are dedicated, hard working, and willing to go beyond the average reach. Who are these dedicated people? They are the 1985-86 cheerleaders, of course.

Under the supervision of Christine Russo, tenth grade health teacher, these girls have demonstrated a great desire to promote enthusiasm and success for the Shaker sports teams. Before they can encourage success, however, they must first prove themselves to be an outstanding sports squad. Unlike cheerleaders in the past who have been branded as "the airheads" or "bad girls", these ladies represent leadership, personality and above all, physical endurance.

The squad is chosen in early May, and cheerleading practices begin in mid-to late July, before any other sports team at Shaker. Mandatory daily practices begin Aug. 1, from 9:00 a.m. until noon, and continue until the first day of school. By the first football game, or soccer game for junior varsity cheerleaders, the girls are prepared to cheer the boys on to victory. During the school year, cheerleading practices are held every Thursday, eighth period, in the egress.

Although cheerleading is usually not considered a sport, these girls treat their job just as seriously as they would if they were playing nose guard on the football team. The only complaint that the cheerleaders have had in the past is that, although their job is to offer support, they rarely receive any support in return. For a change this year, why not join the Parent Boosters and come to a game to see the cheerleaders? You will find that cheering is really an art to be enjoyed by all.

RUDOLPH

Shaker cheerleaders bring spirit to sports.

Debate wins debut

by Matt Schnall

Shaker's Speech and Debate Team opened its season with an impressive showing at St. Francis de Sales High School in Toledo on Oct. 25 and 26. Shaker placed second among the 33 teams representing Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C.

Especially fine performances were turned in by Alison Little, (fourth place in dramatic Interpretation), David Bromberg (third place in Lincoln-Douglas Debate), Michael Galvin (third place in Extermporaneous Speaking), and the team of John Robertson and Rob Garda (first place, team debate).

Also contributing to the team's victory were Michelle Auerbach, Cliff Gyves, Michael Lee, Matt Schnall, Michael Shapiro, and Ben Smith.

The team's coaches are Virginius Thornton (who traveled to Toledo with the team), Larry Rakow, and Head Coach Maryann Janosik.

Speech and Debate offers competition in many different forensic events. In Dramatic, Humorous and Oratorical Interpretations students select a literary piece for its dramatic, humorous or rhetorical value, memorize it, and are judged on their presentation.

In Prose and Poetry Reading a competitor chooses selections in prose and poetry which have similar thematic elements. These selections are read together and judged on style of delivery.

In Extemporaneous Speaking, one is given a current events question with 30 minute preparation time for a five to seven minute speech. Lincoln-Douglas is an individual debate concentrating on moral issues. In team debate, two partners concentrate on researching the advantages of a resolution concerning government policy.

Debate rages over elections

"... the Student Council does not play any part in school decisions."

"... those candidates who made serious, thought-filled speeches were laughed at, mocked, and treated with inhuman disrespect."

On Oct. 24, Dr. William Newby distributed a letter concerning his reactions to the Student Council Election to all English teachers, requesting that they read it to their classes. Students were then asked to respond to the letter.

Printed here is a representative sample of the student responses. The **Shakerite** attempted to be objective, printing an equal amount of affirmative and negative responses, although the opinions printed may not necessarily be those of the editors.

Newby's original letter which spurred the debate is reprinted here:

Oct. 15, 1985, during second period, Student Council candidates addressed the Shaker faculty and student body, and elections were then held in homerooms.

Efforts like these to resurrect and revitalize Student Council deserve our support, but the recent campaign speeches and the applause that greeted them were very discouraging.

Several candidates appeal for votes by stating that schooling at Shaker should be more like a party or by suggesting that, if they had their way, beer would flow from the school water fountains. This method of campaigning is shallow, irrelevant, and, worse of all, decadent.

These appeals may win votes, but they betray a lack of insight and nerve — insight to discern important school problems and nerve to address them.

Something is seriously wrong. In recent years, the problems of teenage drug addiction have received considerable press. During the same period, Shaker has had its own share of side-tracked and damaged lives. Consequently, for prospective student leaders to publicly embrace and idealize such self-injurious behavior and to be greeted with applause smacks or community denial or a lack of self-respect.

Youth used to be viewed as a time of idealism — a time when the young devoted themselves to dreams of an improved society. Has it now become a time of despair — a time when the young can seek no higher goal than escape or self-annihilation?

We all need to celebrate and to socialize, to have fun, to play, and to laugh, but to suggest that the educational process should be like a party or that our gathering together and our joy need be drug-dependent is misguided.

Do our leaders know this? Do we?

William S. Newby, Ph.D.
Chairman
English Department

Negative responses

Dear Editors,

I believe Dr. Newby has taken the Student Council campaign speeches far too seriously. Who should know better than one of the students who was involved with the elections?

It is quite insulting to think that the students of this high school, which are supposed to be some of the brightest kids in America, would be so shallow as to elect candidates who really want to put beer in our water fountains, or party all day. The student body knows the people that they elect to represent them, and they know that the candidates don't really want to do that.

I also objected to Dr. Newby's comment about the duty of today's youth to improve society. Society today is structured so that everything is very competitive. How can we try to improve on something that was not of our own making? The previous generation failed in its attempts to make society better, and in reality made it harder for adolescents to succeed.

I can not believe that Dr. Newby truly believes the students of this school to be stupid, so I assume he took the election all a little too seriously.

Dave DeMarco
Senior

"I believe Dr. Newby has taken the Student Council campaign speeches far too seriously."

Dear Editors:

Dr. Newby's recent letter regarding the Student Council campaign speeches addressed his dissatisfaction with the students' speeches, and their references to beer. He was implying that the Student Council should be serious.

Along with life, Student Council also changes with the environment and the times. The candidates were telling the audience ideas that they had in order to strengthen the Student Council this year. Even though a couple of the speakers, including myself, talked about beer, the remark was meant to humor the audience for a second, but it wasn't something that the speakers were expressing seriously.

Kyle Bettigole

Dear Editors,

One major idea that perhaps Dr. Newby did not realize was that each candidate should be commended for standing in front of a thousand-plus students and giving a two minute speech to each of the assembly groups. That isn't an easy task, especially the first time that one speaks to a large group.

The candidates' main goal was to attract the listeners in order to gain their votes. I felt that the words Dr. Newby wrote were too harsh, because the Student Council's goal is to be the best that it possibly can be.

Ahmed Rahim
Senior
Student Council Pres.

Dear Editors,

I find it very perplexing that Dr. Newby has taken such a callous view of youth today. Given there are students who are impervious to the school's problems and the needs of its population. Yet how can we label adolescence as "a time of despair" with "no higher goal than escape or self-annihilation" because of a few nearsighted individuals? Student Council elections have been considered popularity contests in years past with the winners being those students who have the best rapport with their peers. Candidacy has not been based on qualifications; rather it allows a spot for anybody and everybody who wishes to run. Consequently, the offices have not been filled by the thinkers and doers of the school. While many of the speeches served as little more than a bad representation of the student body and council, they didn't come from one of the many in this school who are generally concerned with their lives, their peers, and the future.

Dear Editors,

I believe Dr. Newby took the Student Council candidates' campaign speeches too seriously. Their talk of making this school more like a party and putting beer in the water fountains was just their way to win votes.

When candidates said that they wanted school to be more like a party, I thought they meant that they wanted there to be more social activities within the school, like dances and a talent show.

Putting beer in the drinking fountains would be an ignorant and selfish thing to do anyways, because a lot of people don't even like beer. I don't think the Student Council will put beer in the drinking fountains, but they might just liven up the school a little bit, because now it's a little dull.

Kionna Jones

"Putting beer in the drinking fountains would be a ... selfish thing to do anyways because a lot of people don't even like beer."

Dear Editors,

I believe that it would be boring if school was a party everyday of the year. I agree that the educational process should not be a party, but believe me, it isn't. Being in school is pretty boring as it is. If it shouldn't be a party, at least education should be more interesting.

Hiram Crowder

"... most people are not affected by the decisions of the student council."

Dear Editors,

Dr. Newby's statement gives the impression that all students are drug-dependent, or heavily involved with alcohol. I think that the Student Council campaign speeches were well prepared and not at all drug and alcohol related.

I did hear one candidate say that he would like to put beer in the drinking fountains, but that candidate was just interested in getting votes, and that was his way of doing it.

No one had to vote for a certain candidate if they didn't want to. I think the majority of the people voted for the people they did because of peer pressure, or because of the candidate's enthusiasm. As for us (the students) being "party animals", — hey, everyone likes to "party-hearty."

Michelle

"As for us being 'party-animals', — hey, everyone likes to 'party-hearty'."

Dear Editor,

The Student Council election of this year showed much promise for Shaker in some ways, yet demonstrated itself as a farce in others.

For the first time since I've been at Shaker, candidates were actually talking about what they wanted to accomplish, not just who they were. In the past elections, such as for senior class council last spring, there have not even been speeches, only stickers with a name. A name is now exactly what people seem to vote for. Because elections have become such a popularity contest, Student Council has become less and less productive.

This year, however, seemed to have some hope. There were enough candidates running who didn't personally know the underclassmen so as to necessitate some sort of campaign. One would hope that this would lead to concrete ideas for student council and real concern for the entire student populations.

This, however, was not the case.

No matter what anyone says, freshman and sophomores are still going to have to go to study hall, and we're not going to have beer sold at football games.

This election was a step in the right direction, but not a very large one. It was still essentially a popularity contest. After all, with six candidates for president, one could win with less than 20% of the vote.

Maybe Student Council will surprise us this year, but I doubt it.

I hope they prove me wrong.

Dear Editors,

In the Oct. 24 letter circulated to Shaker students and faculty, Dr. Newby expressed his dismay and concern towards the recent campaign for student council officers. Many candidates used immature, negligent, and even offensive tactics to win votes, mainly in reference to drug and alcohol use. Dr. Newby then went on to express his belief that teenage idealism has been replaced with despair, apathy, and escape through drug and alcohol.

In response I would like to state that idealism among students has not disappeared. Many students at this school devote much of their time to such "idealistic" causes as ending hunger, stopping the arms race, and giving the blacks in South Africa the freedom that they deserve.

These global issues are more important and urgent to the idealist than school socials, pep rallies, the right to wear shorts, and raising money for a "charity" that spends thousands of dollars just on commercials.

These global issues do not address the student population. The period of time that Dr. Newby is referring to as "idealistic youth" is a time when the national issues directly affected the student population. The Vietnam draft was a life-death concern for the student body.

"... idealism among students has not disappeared."

Student Council candidates, as do most politicians, represent the lowest common denominators in society. Today, applied idealism does not appeal to the masses. Dr. Newby should not be dismayed; we are here, and we are busy.

Anyway, with all sincerity, I want Peace, Love, freedom, animal liberation, equality, no nukes, no AIDS, no hunger, feminism, flowers, and green grass (and anything else I forgot.)

Michael Polsinelli
Senior

Dear Editors,

I understood the criteria for Dr. Newby's letter concerning the Student Council elections; however, I do not feel that what he stated was a positive approach. Many of the candidates were serious about what they were saying, and it's not "party time" at Shaker just because one candidate thought so.

Not everyone here is hooked on drugs, and the statement about young people not having dreams and goals is very demoralizing.

Kevin Nunn
Freshman

Dear Editors,

Student Council elections are the same now as they were in elementary school, only in elementary school the candidates said, "I can't promise you Pepsi in the drinking fountains", instead of "I can't promise you beer in the drinking fountains".

These things are said to get attention, and are obviously not intended to be taken seriously. They are simply a method of getting votes. The election itself should not be taken seriously anyway, because the Student Council does not play any part in school decisions. The elections are just a popularity contest for the candidates, and are not important.

Kara Kirby
Freshman

"As Doris Day would say, que sera sera!"

Dear Editors:

I am not disgusted with the Student Council speeches of Oct. 15. Although some candidates cited drugs and alcohol to support their campaign, I didn't think they were promoting their usage. These candidates merely used alcohol and drugs as a way to keep the audience's attention. Because our society allows this to be a major influence on our lives, is it the fault of the candidates to make good use of it? Think about it. As Doris Day would say, que sera sera!

Michelle Odom
Senior

Affirmative responses

Dear Editor,

One knows that the social life n Shaker Heights is really "exciting" when students go crazy over the prospect of having the world's first beer spouting drinking fountain. As freshmen and sophomores, I'm sure we were all awe-struck by our first real high school party in which everybody either gets trashed, or does a great job of faking it.

Let's all imagine Joe Shaker student, the party animal, as he makes his rounds on an exciting Shaker Heights Saturday night. Wearing his bermuda "Jams" and new-wave hair cut, Joe sports the wine-cooler in one hand and the cigarette in the other. (We can already see that this is going to be a real fun kind of guy.) Joe is now rattling on about all the times he's been drunk and how many speeding tickets he's gotten. But he doesn't care what he is telling Josette. Remember that he has been drinking and "doesn't know" what he's saying.

Watch Joe now go to the Homecoming Dance and stagger around the floor. People watch him wondering why he can't be so funny when he's sober, but his "dynamic" personality still shines through. Ah, but the evening ends, Joe's passed-out, like most weekends in the arty capital of Shaker Heights.

The numbers are startling how many Joe-Shaker guys and girls have been through rehabilitation programs or permanently messed-up their lives. But hey, we don't worry about what the future holds or wasting our own abilities and opportunities because "Life's a party and everyone's invited."

Kerry Krabill
Senior

"... we don't worry about what the future holds, or wasting our own abilities and opportunities because, 'Life's a party and everyone's invited.'"

Dear Editors,

The events that took place on the morning of Oct. 15, 1985, at the Student Council election assembly aroused a level of offense in me that very rarely surfaces.

Throughout my educational experiences at Shaker, I have observed my share of campaigns and election assemblies. I have heard speeches and observed many candidates, and on that morning I therefore felt entirely prepared for another round of what had become the rather routine charade of running for school office.

Listening quietly in my seat, however, I realized that this was not a routine assembly. I slowly found myself moving from amazement, to disbelief, to disgust, and then finally to anger. I was appalled at what I was hearing. Worse than anything else, I could not direct my aversion solely at the stage. The behavior in the audience was as equally atrocious.

I found that those candidates who made serious, thought-filled speeches were laughed at, mocked and treated with an inhumane disrespect. Those candidates who approached their student body with nonchalance, arrogance and a twisted sense of the purpose of Student Council were greeted with raucous cheers and applause.

From this distasteful experience I could only draw two conclusions. First, I surmised that the student body at Shaker is generally ignorant of the purpose of a Student Council. Second, I realized that the values and scruples of our student body have diminished to such an abysmal point that they would condone such behaviour. This experience taught me the important lesson that those people who seem to care the least are often treated the best.

Ken Chavinson
Senior

Dear Editors,

The emphasis placed on alcohol and partying in the Oct. 15 Student Council election speeches was an obvious attempt to win votes for the candidates who did not have the guts to say exactly what they planned to do with the student council. The sad thing is that enough people believed it to hand over the elections to some candidates who did not deserve to win.

Of course, you can't blame everything on the students. After all, the majority of the students were not informed of the importance of this election to Shaker Heights High School. This point should have been made clearer so that more students would have taken the time to choose worthy candidates for each office.

Hopefully next year everyone will understand the importance of a strong student council to the school. Then maybe we will have a student council based on merit rather than on empty promises.

Ruthie Anne White

Dear Editors,

I am greatly disturbed by the behavior at and the outcome of the Student Council elections. It was wrong on the part of the candidates to freely broadcast their approval of drugs and alcohol, yet the audience was just as much at fault. I have nothing but sincere pity for my fellow classmates who use drugs and alcohol as a means to escape and a root to self despair.

"I strongly believe in the youth of today and the adults of tomorrow."

Yet I must also stress to you that losing faith in the youth of today due to the rude behavior of a group of "children" is unquestionably wrong. You say that youth used to be regarded as a time of idealism. To me it still is. It is sad that the entire student body is regarded as children because a group of misguided students behaved as such.

I will not let go of my dreams and hopes for the future. I strongly believe in the youth of today and the adults of tomorrow. Yet I will not and cannot approve of self-annihilation. Perhaps one day issues on drug-addiction will not be necessary for there will be no more. That is my dream. And I am a young adult.

Marjorie Landever
Senior

Dear Editors,

Many of our student leaders do not recognize or respect the true value of the educational process. They have failed to realize that school is not a party, but a serious academic endeavor. However, within school, there is also room for personal growth and freedom of expression, within certain limits. Student government should provide a feasible outlet for responsible and reliable students to express appropriate concerns. Student Council is a responsibility that embodies upholding the morals and rights of our school.

The type of lackadaisical attitude displayed by some of the candidates toward our school, its students, and faculty, cannot and will not be tolerated. We seniors are particularly responsible for promoting a positive image of Shaker and eliminating such destructive activities as vandalism and fighting. Therefore, we can keep SHHS a center of excellence that we can be proud of for its academic, personal, and social achievements.

Janet Blair
Senior

Dear Editors,

High school is often viewed as a testing ground for youth prior to their entry into the "real world." Too often, however, the survival skills which students adopt during these formative years are those eternal vices which have been the downfall of many members of past generations — drug and alcohol abuse, sexual promiscuity, apathy, conformity, and xenophobia — to name a few.

Shaker Heights High School politics are simply another learning experience which affords us an opportunity to mimic the unscrupulous activities of our forbears. In fact, I believe that if Ronald Reagan had matriculated at Shaker Heights High School within the past few years, he would have won the minority groups' votes too because here at Shaker the key to getting elected is threefold — popularity, buzz words, and cheerleaders. If Reagan had grabbed the proper minority cheerleaders, his second term victory would have been even more unanimous. Of course, when the aforementioned factors are the singular causes of a person's election, one can only expect incompetency, and if people in this school are unwilling to do what it takes to improve the situation, then what we receive will continue to be what we deserve.

Here at Shaker Heights High School, people learn quickly that the best person for the job never gets elected. Why? Because in many cases the qualified people don't even put their names on the ballot since they know that they wouldn't win such a "popularity contest." So, we are stuck with the mediocre veterans of past student council elections who didn't have any special insights before and who don't have any now, and with the social pariahs who see a favorable situation and take advantage of it. How do such people manage to win? Because their superficiality cannot be easily discerned from a couple of posters and a five second speech.

It is necessary, then, to make voting for Student Council President more than picking the lesser of several evils. How? First of all, we should have all of the candidates participate in a question and answer forum whose results would be made available to all students prior to the primary elections. Secondly, the two final candidates for office should be forced to write their qualifications, goals and platform. Finally, we should eliminate the annual election assemblies altogether. Within a few short minutes, one cannot possibly make an accurate judgement of who the best candidate is. The candidates aren't much help either. They hide behind empty statements, corny jokes, and outrageous suggestions.

"... at Shaker, the key to getting elected is threefold — popularity, buzz words, and cheerleaders."

Their campaign managers are chosen for their ability to attract other people into their corner because of their sex appeal. I wonder how much a lot of these so-called candidates had anything to do with poster-making, sticker-making, or even the writing of their own speeches. By eliminating the election assembly, we would rid ourselves of a lot of pretension.

If we are not ready, willing, and able to improve our election process, then we might as well forget about ever improving Student Council. And we shouldn't be surprised when ridiculous candidates are elected nationally, either; Most of those candidates and voters learned all about democracy in high school, too.

Audrey McDowell
Senior

Dear Editors,

Do the supporters of the present class officers have any confidence in them, or do they only have confidence in the alcohol that was emphasized throughout the elections? If it is true that the officers of Student Council believe that alcohol will improve our school, then our council is truly weak and insecure.

Alcohol may seem like the way to have fun now, but in the long run, it will destroy its abusers. I speak from true experience. At one time I too thought that I had power over alcohol, and that it made me secure. However, I was actually powerless and weak when it came to choosing between alcohol and my responsibilities.

I am now a grateful member of a fellowship that is devoted to helping others like myself. It is a spiritual program for staying sober and living a new way of life. After hearing the campaign speeches, I just felt that my experienced opinion should be voiced.

Anonymous
Sophomore

"... those people who seem to care least are often treated the best."

Dear Editors,

As a freshman I am not accustomed to the average high school Student Council election, but it was apparent even to me that the whole affair was treated like a joke, and not taken seriously. Many of the speeches focused on making school more like a party, instead of on more important issues, like really improving the high school. After hearing these speeches, the only quality of the candidates that I could discern was that they wanted to have fun, and they didn't want to do a lot of work.

Dr. Newby made references in his letter to drugs and alcohol, but those statements were not included in the speeches addressed to the freshmen/sophomore assembly. I did not discover the content of the candidates' other speeches until I talked with juniors and seniors, and after I had already voted. Because of the differences in some of the campaign speeches, many underclassmen did not hear the candidates' other views, and thus, they did not have a clear image of the candidates.

"I ... did not know the true nature of the candidates that I elected."

Knowing what I do now about some of the candidates' other speeches, I would not have voted the way that I did. I believe the campaign was unfair because I, along with many other freshmen, was misled, and did not know the true nature of the candidates that I elected.

Terese Romano
Freshman

Dear Editors,

I strongly agree with Dr. Newby's letter concerning the Student Council election. To appeal for votes by talking about parties when campaigning for a position in school government is in very poor taste.

"Instead of Geneva talks, there will be drug parties."

I don't know much about the duties of the Student Council, but I do know that it's not all fun and games. Electing someone who gives a speech about parties and drugs makes me wonder about the Shaker student body. Do we consider education nothing but a party? Will our future be all fun and games with no seriousness? If it is, then I hope none of "them" will be elected president. Instead of Geneva talks there will be drug parties.

Denise Holley
Junior

Dear Editors,

There was a lot of static in the air when the Student Council candidates addressed the Shaker faculty and student body on the morning of Oct. 15, 1985. The entire election was a popularity contest, and no one really seemed to understand what the candidates were trying to say. A candidate who advocated partying or not doing schoolwork received more cheers than other more serious candidates. Some people worked really hard on their campaigns, and felt that they could truly improve the Student Council for the 1985/86 school year. However, it appeared that the more popular a candidate was, the more votes he/she received, regardless of their qualifications, or lack of, to fill the office.

"Here at Shaker Heights High School, people learn quickly that the best person for the job never gets elected."

Vilisha Dickerson
Junior

Semper ubi sub ubi

by Jon Salkin

No, the new Latin Club does not begin its meetings with "Dominus Omus," as most Eddie Murphy fans would like to believe, but instead this dedicated group begins by planning new events and reviewing those already past.

The Latin Club meets on Thursday in room 311, when either of the co-advisers, Jane Elbrecht or Jerome Burke, deem it necessary. The officers, Ann Coyle, Matt Lehman, Michael Galvin, and Michael Feldman may do so also.

The goal of the club is twofold: to have fun, while keeping ties with the eloquent classic language.

The turnout for the first meeting this year was overwhelming. "It was unusually surprising and exciting to see the turnout, with so many other activities available." said Mr. Burke.

According to Elbrecht, "Latin students are a very enthusiastic group of kids. I was very pleased to see so many third and fourth year students approach me to organize a Latin Club, and also be willing to make it happen; they were there at 7:30 on more than one occasion."

Currently, the Latin Club is organizing its five week volleyball league. The league includes teams from the other foreign language clubs and AFS. The league winner of will go on to play the all-star faculty squad.

Future plans for the Latin club look very promising. In Dec., the club will celebrate the Roman holiday of Saturnalia. Looking ahead to Feb., several students will be competing in the Junior Classical League Conference.

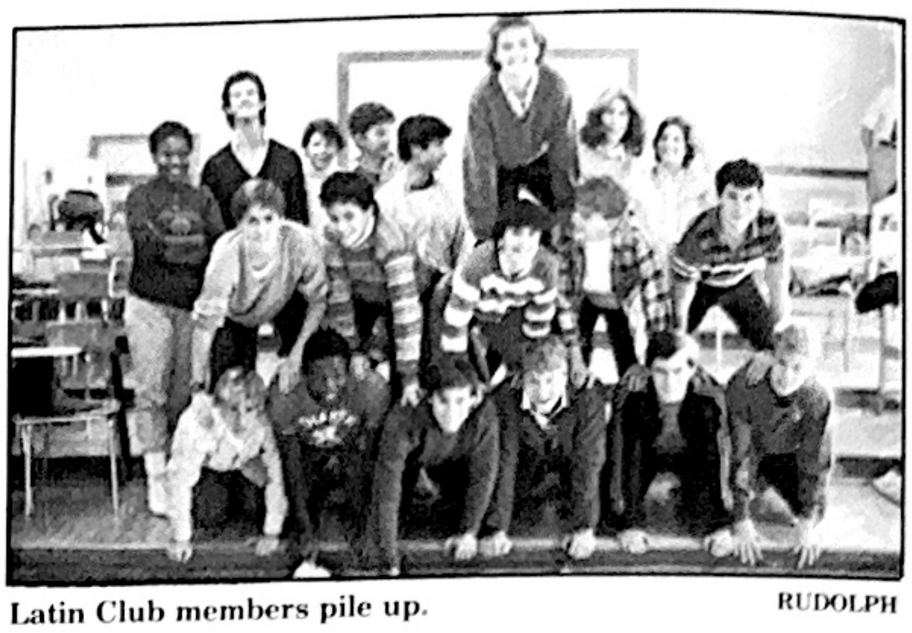
The Junior Classical League Conference represents Latin students from all of Ohio competing in various Latin tests and artistic endeavors.

March is when things really get exciting for the Latin Club. March is the month when the club will hold its first annual Latin banquet. Traditional Roman foods will be served to members of the club, all wearing togas, of course! The dining area will be masqueraded to look like a palace in the glory days of the Roman empire.

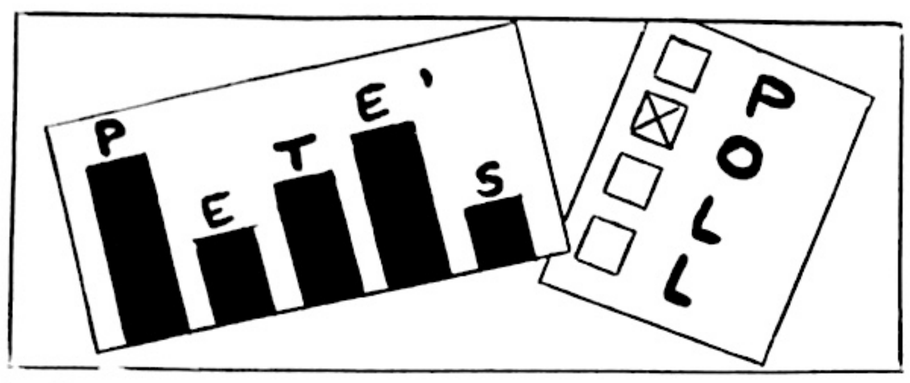
After the banquet, the Latin club hopes to perhaps organize a softball team, including the same participants and any others who would like to participate.

The Latin club plans to end the year by dramatizing a Latin story on videotape, to be a lasting memory of the club in its youth.

The Latin club is still accepting members. The only prerequisite is that you are currently taking Latin or already have.



Latin Club members pile up. RUDOLPH



by Pete Routman

Listen up teachers! Here's what a sampling of Shaker High students have to say about what is liked and disliked in a teacher.

According to the students polled, most important in a teacher was knowledge of the material, a close second was enthusiasm for the subject; third was fairness to the students; fourth was a sense of humor; and fifth — apparently not very significant to students — was how challenging or easy the teacher is. (Incidentally, most preferred a challenging teacher.)

Student's rankings of qualities disliked in a teacher were as follows: most disliked was a teacher who moves too fast for the students, second was tough grading policies, third was too much homework; fourth was too many or too few tests, and finally, not being available for help, which most students said was not a problem.

A quality which was not listed, but a number of students mentioned as important, is the ability of a teacher to communicate his or her knowledge to the class. An exceptionally bright teacher is not an effective educator unless he is able to communicate his knowledge to students. Teachers can motivate pupils to actually put in this effort. All of the qualities listed in the poll are factors in achieving successful communication with the student.

Another important influence in helping the student survive academic pressures is how much the teacher cares about students and their work. Knowing that the teacher cares about kids helps immensely in motivating them. A teacher should not be a computer from which information is tapped, but a person who shows interest in his students and what is going on around him. The teacher should not just "do his job."

Ads gyp naive

by Greg Schwartz

Guess what? Gavin and Yvonne Frost, the world's foremost witches, are now accepting disciples. "Power secrets revealed," says the ad.

This is just one example of the stupid ads that I've come across lately. Witchcraft? Give me a break!

But look at this one — "Color Power! Get more from friends, lovers, school! Increase psychic power, creativity! Six colored crystal amulets come with poster, instructions. Only $4.95."

The way I see it, with these amulets my parents should raise my allowance to $50, my friends should become my personal slaves and groupies, the beautiful girl who doesn't know I exist should fall in love with me, and my GPA should rise above 4.0. This is ridiculous.

Here's one: "New-Make all the money you want-fast! Send $10 now!" If there's anyone interested in this, I've got some beachfront property in Wyoming to sell.

Finally, there's the company that's "giving away hand-carved Mallard decoys for only $10.." The ad hypes this wooden duck in every way. It says that the decoys are advertised at $135. How can they afford to lose $125 on each one? It then says there's a "fifty year repurchase guarantee for your protection . . . Should you ever wish to sell or redeem your Mallard Decoy, the company pledges to repurchase it from you, any time you want within the next fifty years . . ."

If anyone wishes to take advantage of these wonderful opportunities, just ask . . . I'll give you the address of a good therapist.

Interact providing for the needy

by Grace DeJesus

Does your heart break every time you hear about hunger, poverty, or a broken family? If these realities bother you, maybe you should join Interact Club.

Interact is a youth division of the Rotary Club, providing thousands of hours of service to the community.

Mr. Robert Sylak has been the group's adviser since 1976. When asked why he thinks the group is so popular, he stated, "I don't know. Maybe it's because the club does things that make the people feel good about themselves."

Indeed, these members have a lot to feel good about. Some of their main projects this year include the Metzenbaum Center, Emmanuel tutoring, the Onaway Project, the Help center, and a fund raiser for Make-A-Wish. This fundraiser requires its participants to stay in the high school and remain awake for twenty four hours. Sponsors are obtained to pay Interacters for each hour that they stay awake.

These projects are discussed and decided upon at the club's meetings. The entire club meets one night a month, and extra meetings are held periodically for the various projects.

At the end of the 1984-85 school year, officers were chosen to lead the group for this year. These officers are Kyle Bettigole and Brian Jones, co-presidents; Andy Mueller, vice-president; Amy Miller, secretary; and Jenny Markowitz, treasurer.

1985-86 Interact members. RUDOLPH

Fighting for peace through strength

by Michelle Brode

The Strategic Defense Initiative, known as Star Wars, should be implemented, and disinvestment is not the cure for South Africa's problems, according to the Young Americans for Freedom (YAF).

This organization, formed in 1960 by William F. Buckley Jr., believes that the Star Wars program should be enacted because our current defense system is "non-existant." Although they do not like nuclear arms, YAF members feel that in order to reduce such weapons, we must first build them up.

Regarding South Africa's current apartheid policy, YAF believes that disinvestment would lead to chaos, possibly allowing a Communist-backed organization, such as the African National Congress, to move in and take over. Constructive engagement, a policy of enticing the South African government to move away from apartheid, is what the Young Americans for Freedom see as a feasible solution.

According to YAF State Chairman William Daroff an effective way to balance the budget would be to adopt the Grace Commission and to lower taxes. The Grace Commission Report is composed of 11,000 suggestions on how to combat waste in government. YAF feels that reducing taxes would allow people to recirculate that money into the economy, thus aiding the attempt to balance the budget.

The Young Americans for Freedom feel that coexistance with the Soviets is intolerable. YAF feels that by not challenging Soviet beliefs, we are condoning the lack of freedom in the Eastern Block countries, as well as in other regions.

Although President Reagan is a member of their National Advisory Board, the Young Americans for Freedom are extremely disappointed with the job that he has been doing. They feel that there are many policies which should be implemented that have not been, as well as policies which have been implemented that should not have been. On a scale of one to ten, Daroff, as a representative for the group, rated Reagan as a six.

YAF regards itself as an educational organization and attempts to make the public aware of its views by sponsoring lectures, speaking at schools, counter demonstrating, and passing out literature.

"Peace through strength is the accepted belief of the Young Americans for Freedom," Daroff stated. "Some battles just have to be fought, and the battle for peace is one that should never end."

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Basketball team rebounds

by Matt Burry

The 1985-86 Red Raider's basketball team has high hopes for this season after a sub-par performance last year. The Raiders opened the season at John F. Kennedy under new head coach Bob Wonson.

Ten players currently hold tentative spots on the team, because the final roster will include several players from the football team. They are Phalon Bass, Matt Burry, Brad Butts, Danny Gydosh, Peter Kaplan, Brian Kellen, Tony Lett, Brian Sims, Mark Thompson, and Shane Wright.

The current line-up includes five players returning from last year's squad. There are seven seniors, two juniors, and a sophomore. Several players from the football team will compete with these players to reach a final number of about a dozen players.

Phalon Bass returns with two years of varsity experience and an All Lake Erie League award to lead the offensive attack. Bass produced impressive scoring and rebounding statistics last year. Also, Tony Lett will provide offense from the wing.

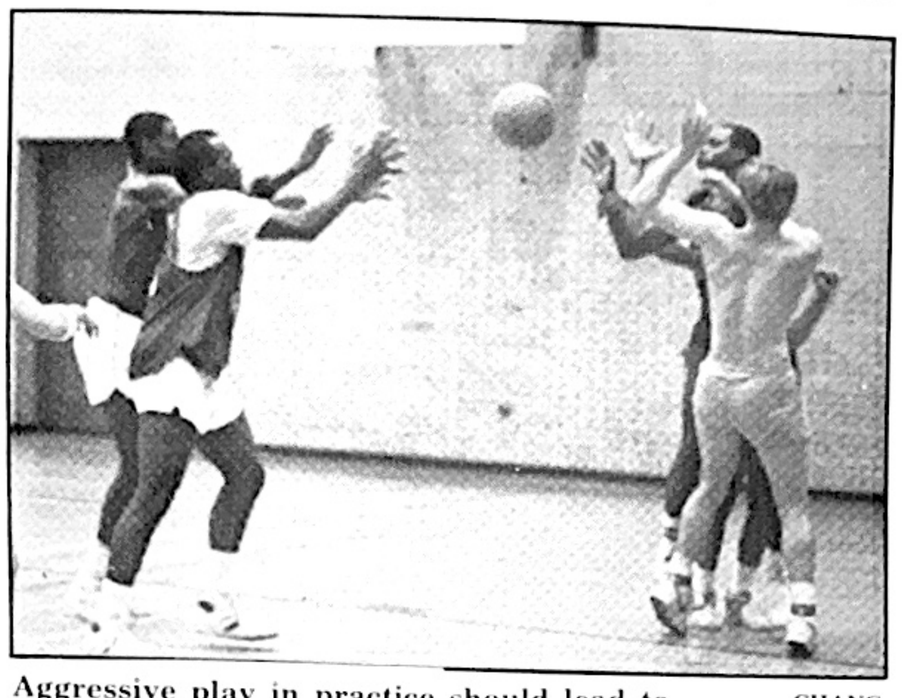
The strength underneath is found in 6'6" junior, Brian Kellen and defensive stalwart, Brad Butts. Kellen's height should allow him to have an impressive year. Butts' excellent attitude has made him the team's most improved player.

The point guard position will feature Peter Kaplan and Greg Jackson. Kaplan returns from last year's team, while Jackson played junior varsity and dressed for last year's sectionals.

Coach Wonson comes to Shaker after 16 years of coaching experience. His route to Shaker included Lakewood High School, Washington State, and Iowa.

This year's team motto is, "The opponent is us, and how we practice is how we play." With the hard work that the team has in, they should be off to a successful start.

Air Phalon. CHANG



Aggressive play in practice should lead to a successful season. CHANG

Autumn sees success

by Clark Khayat

As the fall season wound to a close, Shaker's varsity teams proved to be top contenders in the Lake Erie League, with two first place finishes and one second place.

The football team, which posted a perfect 10-0 record, for the first undefeated season since 1935, entered the state computer playoffs for the first time ever. They also took the L.E.L. crown for the third time in six years.

"At the beginning we talked about making the playoffs. We practiced hard, and now we'll see how far we can go," said senior quarterback Tim Richards.

The other L.E.L. champion this year is the Girl's Tennis team. They finished undefeated in league play for the second year in a row, and compiled a 14-3 record overall.

Junior Karin Markey felt that they, "had a great season for two reasons. One because we did so well and secondly because we had so much fun playing."

The only second place finish claimed by Shaker came from the Boy's Cross-Country team. Finishing with a 5-2 record, they also took first place in the district meet.

"We had a really successful season with many people coming out," added senior co-captain Paul Blackhurst.

The Girl's Cross-Country team wasn't as successful, finishing at 4-3, although Cheryl Mackey qualified for the regional meet.

Field Hockey picked up a winning record at 7-3, third in the North Eastern Ohio League, and 9-6 overall. The team saw its first ever freshman and an abundance of sophomores.

The soccer team had some problems, finishing with a disappointing 9-11 record. The team lost some close games and was hampered by injuries.

Senior Greg Garrison said, "We had a good team but nobody played up to their expectations, except for the halfbacks."

Also finishing with a disappointing season was the volleyball team, which ended up with a poor record in league play.

Shaker teams have started off the school year on a high note and the students, teachers, and athletes look to winter sports season with anticipation.

Notes from the bench

by Kyle Bettigole and Ken Chavinson

It's been a full 50 autumns since this last happened. No, we're not referring to the last time the leaves fell off the trees. *We're talking about the 1985 Red Raider football team going 10-0. The last time this feat was* duplicated was in 1935.

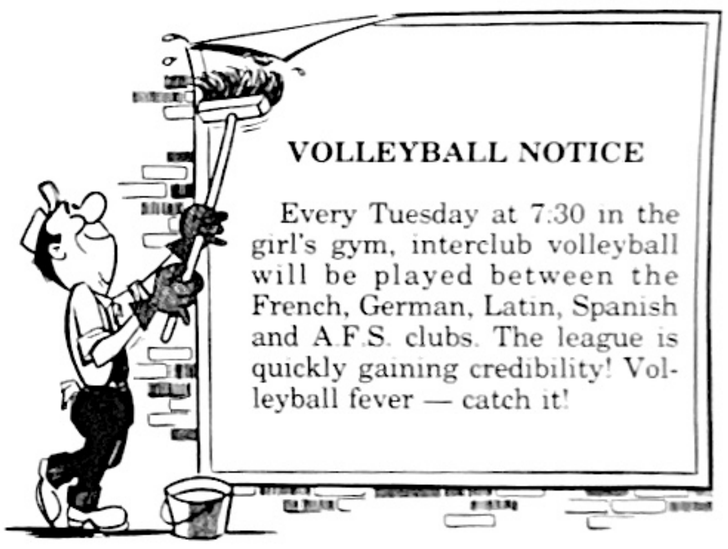
Realizing that it has taken a full 50 years for this terrific repeat to occur, we put our best research crews to the task, and had them dust off **Ye Ol' High School Record and Roster Book** in our two-million volume "Notes from The Bench Library." To celebrate the '85 Raiders, we wanted to reflect on that special 1935 season. In a team to team comparison, we found the results to be quite amusing.

Ah yes, 1935 — the time when boys were boys, girls were girls, and C.A. Zimmerman was parading around in diapers. It was a time when 11:30 p.m. was a generous curfew, but our '35 Raiders were always in by 11:20. The average curfew of the '85 team is 2:00 a.m. Practicing tackling? Maybe. Getting blitzed? Probably.

Big Eddie Wasaloosky, the defensive punch for the team, was kept on a strict diet — 3 cows and a warm glass of Malto Milk before bedtime. He and all the players kept a very reasonable social calendar throughout the season, for they all were concentrating solely on football.

All, that is, except for Stan Flinker, our hero, the quarterback. After all the other players had been tucked in, Stan would crank up Pop's ol' turbo-boosted Model T, and drive over to Betty Dingdong's house for a late-night smooch under the porch light. Betty was, of course, the head cheerleader who shook the meanest pom-pom this side of Dorna Campbell.

The first six games of the season went remarkably well. Clarence Clackracker had seven touchdowns in six attempts — yes, this was the year for the impossible. Shaker's last victory, over rival Heights, saw a record 112 people fill the bleachers to their capacity. Morris Rockhead, third-string nose-guard, took the credit — for there were 79 Rockheads in the stands that day. Even Marv Plankton came to watch his boy Johnny get leveled on the special teams.



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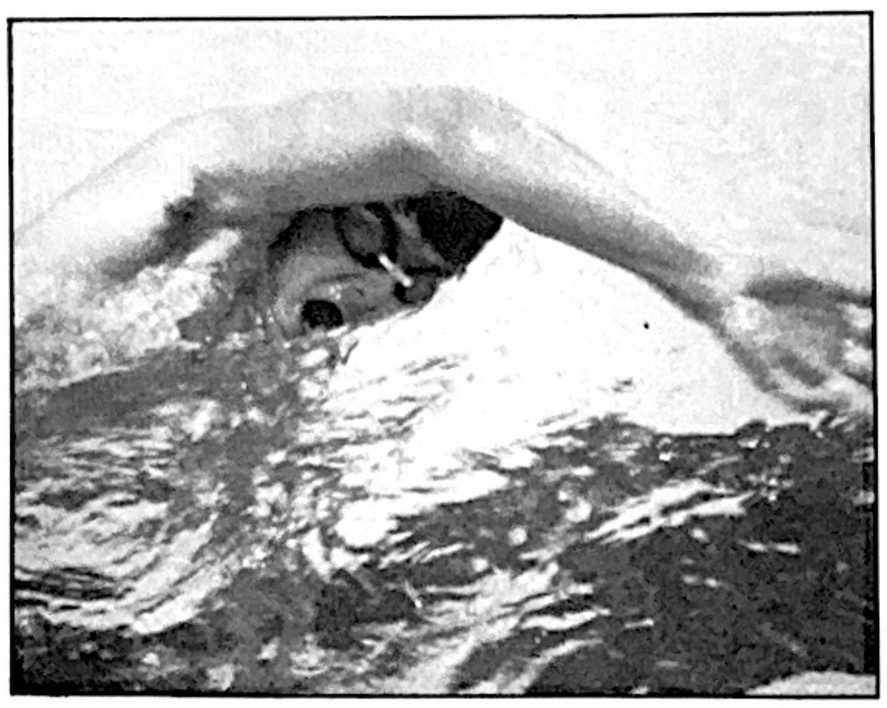

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Mike Hopcraft helps push for a winning season.

Swim team promising

by David Englander

This season is a hopeful one for both the boys' and girls' swim teams, as they return after strong finishes in the Lake Erie League last year.

Last year the girls' team finished second behind Lakewood, and this year they seem to be headed for first place. One of the reasons for their confidence is that seniors Shari Williams and Ellen Bjerklie will be back as well as sophomore Colleen Manning. With the three of them, the girls' swim team has broken almost every swimming record in Shaker's swimming history. Eight of these records were made last year, and according to head coach Ernie Welsh there is no reason that all of the old swim team records cannot be broken this year.

This year's team is a fairly young one, with only five seniors and four juniors. The other 24 members of the team are comprised of sophomores and freshmen. Junior Joanna Belkin said, "This year's team has a lot of potential and we seem to have a bright future."

In addition to the success of last year's team during the season, they also performed well in the post-season tournaments and the state championship.

In the Cleveland Heights Tournament last year, the 200 yard girls' medley relay race was won by Shaker and in the state tournament, Shaker placed 12th overall. During the competition, Williams placed fifth in the 50 yard freestyle and 12th in the 100 yard backstroke.

In compliment to last year's girls' team, the boys' team did even better. The boys' team finished in a three way tie for first place in the Lake Erie League with Lakewood and Heights. They also won the 200-yard freestyle relay in the Cleveland Heights Tournament.

However, sophomore Steve Landau thinks that the team can do even better this year, "I would say that this is going to be the strongest year in a while, because we have ten strong returning seniors as well as some good underclassmen."

Head boys' coach Roger Tom has a more pragmatic view of this year's team, "This swim team is a strong dual meet team, but as of this moment we lack any truly outstanding swimmers." Some of the bright spots on this year's boys' swim team are seniors Paul Gordon and Mike Hopcraft as well as sophomore David Leu.

Hoopers hopes are high

by Martin Blackwell

The Shaker Heights High School Girls' Varsity Basketball Team faces a challenging season this year, coming off of last year's fifth place finish in the Lake Erie League.

Led by co-captains 5'10" senior Kim Eskridge and 5'10" junior Karna Williams, the 1985-86 team has only four members who were on the varsity team last year. It also has four sophomores, which is the most underclassmen in five years.

In his sixth year, head coach Henry Woodard feels that the team has as much talent as any previous Shaker team. Key players are Williams, who is the high scorer, averaging 11 points per game last year as a sophomore, and Eskridge, who supplies the rebounds and is the heart of the defense.

When asked about other promising players, Woodard responded, "Lisa Duffett and Teresa Hopper are excellent shooters, while sophomores Edna Gillard and Erika Swanson can be dominant players in the future."

Coach Woodard believes that on paper Cleveland Heights should win the championship this year, while the ever-tough Shaw will be up there, too.

"We'll be in the chase too," says Woodard. "We have better athletes this year, but we're young. We're going to have to come together and play as one team to do well."

Gillard comments that, "We're strong, tall, and our front line is intimidating. If we put our minds to it, we can go quite a way."

Duffett, a junior, added that the team has a good attitude at practices and a strong desire to do well.

The junior varsity team, coached by Jill Allen has 22 members this year, after having only eight players last year.

"The spirit is there!" says Allen, whose team has several members that could have played for the varsity team.

by Ken Edelman and Matt Burry

Trashsports, the combination of demented American ideals formulated into money-making ideas by exploitative promoters and TV executives. This phenomena has affected Americans since the late seventies starting with the popularity of the Battle of the Network Stars.

Preying on underprivileged youth and overworked housewives, this medium has produced such stars as Hulk Hogan and Tony Atlas in the extremely realistic sport of professional wrestling. Though pro wrestling is a high exposure sport, there are many creative sports out there as entertaining as wrestling.

Relying on Joe Pudwoskinitmirovich for his in depth analysis, we have arrived at the top two trashsports of all time. Joe is an avid follower of trashsports, who often spends his day lounging in Phil's Bar and Grille, because they have ESPN. The ratings which he provided were based on: apparent violence, the intangible mud factor, sum of participant IQ's, and effect upon two-year old's mentality.

Heading the list by a wide majority was the tractor pull with a rating of 97. It gained crucial points by changing a fluent two-year old into an idiot-savant, only able to calculate the amount pulled by a tractor to the tenth of a milligram. The top tractor pull in the United States is held almost in Cleveland's backyard. Rittman, Ohio, annually holds the Jodi Beeman Tractor Pull which was named after the first two-year old retarded by this magnificent event.

If you do not think that Intramural Coed Language Volleyball would rate highly in the four categories, you obviously have not seen the mud-slinging that goes on at these events, or the blood, or how intelligent the players are. ICLV finished a close second with 94.5 points.

Though trashsports are often criticized, it is apparent that they have caused much growth in American society, and must not be wiped out by those who consider baseball and football to be the only true sports.

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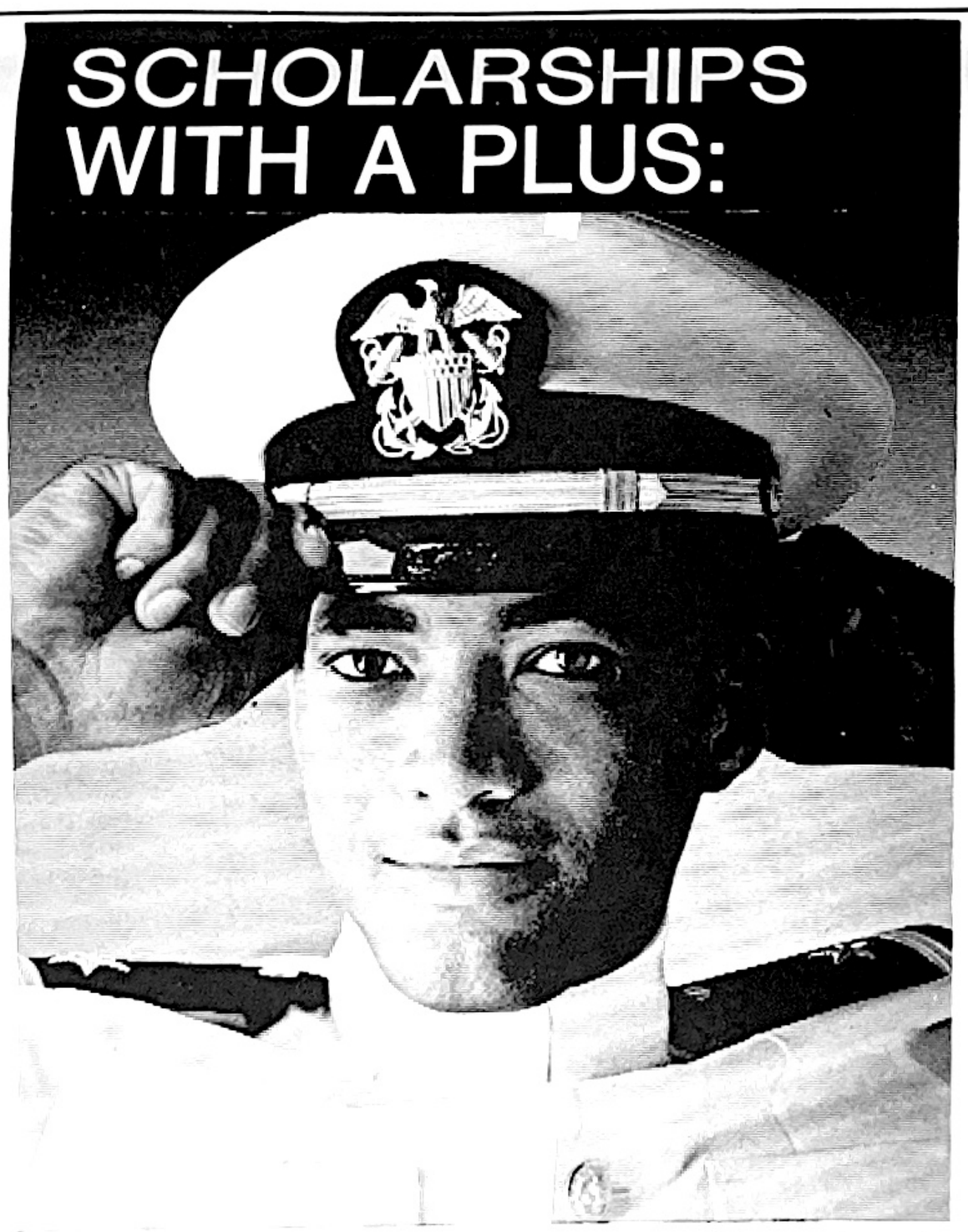

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